GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINES
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:2367
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GRANITE MINING
Birla Shri Om

Will the Minister of MINES be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the quantity of granite reserves available in the country, location-wise.

(b) the details of total granite exported and the foreign exchanges earned therefrom during each of the last three years and the current year;

(c) whether the Government is considering to formulate any scheme for mining of granite as well as to improve the mining technology for the same across the country;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the steps taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR MINES AND STEEL (SHRI VISHNU DEO SAI)

(a): As per available information, the state-wise details of granite reserves as on 01.04.2010 are given at Annexure.

(b): As per available information, the quantity of granite (crude or roughly trimmed, cut blocks/slabs, polished blocks/tiles and others) exported and the foreign exchanges earned therefrom during each of the last three years and the current year is given below:

(Unit: Quantity in lakh tonnes and Value in crore of Rupees)

2011-12		2012-13(R)		2013-14(P)		2014-15(upto August_2014)(P)	
Quantity	Value	Quantity	Value	Quantity	Value	Quantity	Value
46.05	6382	60.61	7942	68.02	9869	30.28	4422

Source: Indian Bureau of Mines
P: Provisional;
R: Revised

(c) to (e): Granite is a minor mineral defined under Section 3(e) of the Mines and Minerals (Development and Regulation) Act, 1957 (MMDR Act). As per Section 15 of the MMDR Act, powers to make rules and grant mineral concessions for minor minerals are with State Governments. The Central Government has notified the Granite Conservation and Development Rules, 1999 on 1st June, 1999 to conserve the granite resources and to prescribe a uniform frame work with regard to systematic and scientific exploitation of granite throughout the country.

Annexure referred in reply to Lok Sabha Unstarred Question Number 2367 for reply on 08.12.2014 regarding Granite Mineral asked by Shri Om Birla

(Unit '000 Cum)

State	Reserves	Remaining Resources	Total resources
Andhra Pradesh	-	2360396	2360396
Assam	-	583950	583950
Bihar	-	877612	877612
Chhattisgarh	-	50057	50057
Gujarat	-	8501947	8501947
Haryana	-	34000	34000
Jharkhand	-	8875340	8875340
Karnataka	67587	9270306	9337893

Kerla	140	2669	2808
Madhya Pradesh	160	1993924	1994084
Maharashtra	-	1158847	1158847
Meghalaya	-	286467	286467
Odisha	80000	1763060	1843060
Rajasthan	110461	9080204	9190665
Tamil Nadu	1686	557749	559435
Telangana	-	45494	45494
Uttar Pradesh	-	494819	494819
West Bengal	3658	29768	33426
Total	263692	45966608	46230300